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HIGHLIGHTS

- There have been a total of 124 fires reported this year. Total acreage burned is 2,160 acres. There were 10 new fires reported yesterday. There are 14 active fires; 1 fire is located on military lands, 2 of them are in the Upper Yukon Zone, 4 active in the Fairbanks, area, 3 in the Kenai area, and 3 in the Anchorage area.
- 3 Prescribed Fires are planned for this weekend. All are on military lands.
 Two are near Delta Junction on the Bolio Lakes and Oklahoma Ranges
 and the third is on Yukon Training area near North Pole, on the Manchu
 Range. The Manchu and Oklahoma burns conducted on Saturday were
 very successful. The Bolio Lakes burn will be starting at about 2 PM today.
- The Division of Forestry has issued a burn ban due to the high fire danger.
 Many of the fires this weekend have occurred due to illegal fires and fires
 not being properly watched. Several warnings and citations have been
 issued.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm

- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

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